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For : VEHICLE TIRE WITH A TREAD RUBBER PROFILE

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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during examination of the instant application.

Applicant submits herewith a copy of a European Search Report (in German) dated April 4, 2006 and conducted in European Application No. 04003274.0, which is a counterpart of the instant application. In particular the European Examiner cited:

(1) M+S BREITREIFEN AUS MODERNER PNEUSCHMIEDE. This document is cited as an "X" category document (i.e., a document which casts doubt on novelty). The figure is indicated by the European Examiner as being relevant to claims 1, 2 and 5 of the European Application;

(2) WO 01/39996. This document is cited as an "Y" category document. Fig. 12 is indicated by the European Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-5 of the European

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(4) DE 195 07 788. This document is cited as an "A" category document (a document of technological background). The Abstract and Fig. 1 is indicated by the European Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-5 of the European Application; and

(5) EP 0 325 552. This document is cited as an "A" category document. Fig. 3 is indicated by the European Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-5 of the European Application.

(6) US 2003/094226 is listed in the Annex as a family member document of WO 01/39996;

(7) US 5,407,005 is listed in the Annex as a family member document of EP 0 678 402; and

(8) US 4,913,208 is listed in the Annex as a family member document of EP 0 325 552.

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of documents (6) – (8) which are US patent/patent application documents) including the European Search Report are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

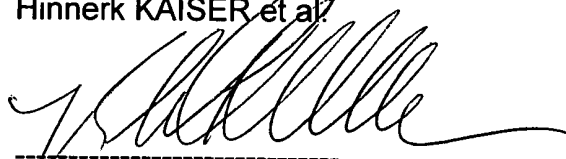
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Applicant notes that, as a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed September 22, 2006, and an action subsequent to the RCE has not been mailed, consideration of the enclosed documents is required.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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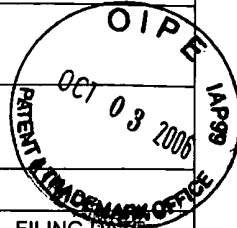
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